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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: N. TAKAHASHI, et al

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.